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28. [] LIAISON Met with Frank Potter, Staff Director, House Interstate & Foreign Commerce Subcommittee on Energy & the Environment and it was agreed that in response to the letter to the Director from Representatives John Dingell (D., Mich.) and Richard Ottinger (D., N.Y.) we will try to have a briefing by a Department of Energy expert on the safety of the [] I proposed the briefing be held next Friday when the DOE expert would be available. Potter said he would speak with Nancy Mathews, in the office of Representative Ottinger. I told Potter that I was hopeful that these arrangements would satisfy their interests without raising the jurisdictional question which would inevitably arise and which Dr. Brzezinski, Assistant to the President for National Security, had addressed in his 17 April letters to Representatives Dingell and Ottinger.

29. [] LIAISON In response to his request, met with Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.) and John Nields, on the staff of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, in connection with Mr. Hamilton's appointment to investigate certain charges against a member of Congress. I explained we had no identifying information and in response to Mr. Hamilton's request, said I would raise with the Director how Mr. Hamilton might best proceed to determine what is in the hands of the Intelligence Community. It was agreed that I would report back no later than the end of next week.

I also reviewed with Nields the four paragraph memorandum concerning CIA provided information which was incorporated in the Department of Justice package submitted to the Speaker of the House. I showed Nields a copy of the memorandum and he agreed it was identical to that contained in the package. In response to his query, I told Mr. Hamilton and Nields that there obviously was a more detailed memorandum from which the shorter memo had been drawn but I am advised that all of the substantive information in which the Committee would be interested is contained in the four paragraph memorandum. I said the other information in the basic memorandum would involve sensitive intelligence sources and methods which we had a responsibility to protect from unauthorized disclosure. I said we were hopeful that they would defer to our wishes in this respect as the information would not contribute to their effort. Nields asked that I personally review the basic memorandum to assure myself that this is so and said it was his understanding from Justice that the information recorded in it was not from an agent or sensitive source but rather was the result of an "inadvertent slip of the tongue." I promised Nields I would review the matter and be back in touch.

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